

October 3, 1980

J.J. Riley Leather
228 Salem Street
Woburn, MA 01801

Dear Sirs:

In the past year significant attention has focused on the City of Woburn regarding various hazardous waste problems which have been discovered in the city, primarily in the northeast quadrant and along the Aberjona River basin. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and several agencies of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have instituted studies to determine the extent of these problems, their possible threat to health and the environment, and both short and long term remedial actions which must be taken.


As part of these studies we will be conducting inspections of many "sites" within the city which may have been affected by historical hazardous waste mismanagement or by recent spills, discharges, leaking containers, etc. EPA has contracted with Ecology and Environment, Inc. of Buffalo, N.Y. to investigate the problems in Woburn, as well as in other locations throughout New England. The firm has established a field office in Cummings Park, Woburn and will be conducting site investigations in Woburn within the next few weeks.

We have selected your facility or site for an inspection for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Proximity to known or suspect hazardous waste locations;
2. Observed off-site contamination which may emanate from your facility or site;
3. Type of industrial or commercial process and likelihood of on-site usage or disposal of hazardous wastes.

These inspections will consist of interviews with site officials, a tour of the site, and may lead to sampling or other investigations. Duplicates of any samples or photographs taken will be made available to you at your request.

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A member of the Ecology and Environment team will be contacting you shortly to arrange for the time and date of inspection. Should you have any questions regarding these inspections please contact Sam Silverman, Attorney (223-5600) or John Hackler, Engineer (223-1129) of the Enforcement Division.

Sincerely yours,

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